

Remarks

I. Status of the Application and Claims

After entry of the present amendments, the claims pending in the application will be 12-27.

II. The Amendments

Claims in non-elected restriction group I (*i.e.*, claims 5-11) have been cancelled and new claims 25-27 have been added. All of the new claims and other amendments are supported by the claims originally present. None of the amendments made herein add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240)683-6165.

Respectfully submitted,

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